studies. It has also successfully carried out, with the help of and in co-ordination with the various enforcement agencies, multi-pronged action against some organised syndicates. A large number of persons engaged in smuggling and foreign exchange racketeering, were detained under COFEPOSA.

Setting up of a Consumer Confidence Index on the Pattern of U.S.A.

3207. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a 'Consumer Confidence Index' on the pattern of a similar index in the USA (as reported in the Times of India of the 29th October, 1992); and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce a Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) on the pattern of a similar index in the U.S.A. The CCI of USA (base 1985 = 100) measures changes in job prospects, business condition, cost of employment etc. on the basis of opinion samples collected at regular intervals.

Pension Scheme in L.I.C.

3208. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI GOPAL SINH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce pension scheme in Life Insurance Corporation of India during the current financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that Life Insurance Corporation of India has enough funds to adopt this scheme, and it has already submitted a proposal to Government for approval; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of employees likely to be benefited by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of Medi-claim Policy by G.I.C.

3209. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United India Insurance Company Limited has entered into MOU with Medisave Health Association (A division of CDR Health Care Limited, Hyderabad) wherein Medisave issued a credit card to Medi-claim policy holders to avail credit facilities from Medisave affiliated hospitals and Nursing Homes wherein bills are settled directly by medisave and reimbursed from insurance on medi-claim policy holders, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the four companies of General Insurance Corporation of India have made arrangements with hospitals to pay hospital bill directly for medi-claim policyholders at the time of emergency, if so, what are the names and addresses of such hospitals in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(c) whether Insurance companies issue medi-claim credit cards or certificates confirming entitlement benefits to medi-claim policy holders for hospitals reference and use, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what remedial measures, the insurance companies propose for the facility of medi-claim policy holders in the matter referred to in part (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.